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日八月八日

PRICE, \$24 PER ANNUM.

AGENTS FOR THE CHINA MAIL.

LONDON.—F. ALGER, 11 & 12, Clement's Lane, Lombard Street, E. C. GEORGE STREET & CO., 30, Cornhill, GORDON & GOTCH, Ludgate Circus, E.C. BATES HENRY & CO., 37, Walbrook, E.C. SAMUEL DEACON & CO., 160 & 164, Leadenhall Street.

PARIS AND EUROPE.—GALLIEN & PEINNE, 36, Rue Lafayette, Paris.

NEW YORK.—ANDREW WIND, 133, Nassau Street.

AUSTRALIA, TASMANIA, AND NEW ZEALAND.—GORDON GOTCH, Melbourne and Sydney.

SAN FRANCISCO AND AMERICAN PORTS generally.—BEN & BLACK, San Francisco.

SINGAPORE, STRAITS, &c.—SAYLOR & CO., Native, Singapore. C. HEIJENSON & CO., Manila.

CHINA.—MASSA, MESSRS. A. DE MELLO & CO., Shanghai. CAMPBELL & CO., Amoy. WILSON, NICHOLS & CO., Foochow. HEDGE & CO., Shanghai. LANE, CRAWFORD & CO., and KELLY & WALSH, Yokohama, LANE, CRAWFORD & CO.

Banks.

HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

PAID-UP CAPITAL.....5,000,000 Dollars.
RESERVE FUND.....2,350,000 Dollars.

COURT OF DIRECTORS.

Chairman—H. L. DALRYMPLE, Esq.
Deputy Chairman—W. REINER, Esq.
H. HOFFMAN, Esq. M. E. SASOON, Esq.
Hon. F. B. JONES C. V. VINCENT SMITH,
A. P. MC-EWEN, Esq. E. W. S. YOUNG, Esq.
F. D. SASOON, Esq.

CHIEF MANAGER—THOMAS JACKSON, Esq.
MANAGER—EWEN CAMERON, Esq.
LONDON BANKERS—London and County Bank.

HONGKONG.
INTEREST ALLOWED.

ON Current Deposit Account at the rate of 2 per cent. per annum on the daily balance.

For Fixed Deposits—
For 3 months, 3 per cent. per annum.
" 6 " 4 per cent. "
" 12 " 5 per cent. "

LOCAL BILLS DISCOUNTED.

Credits granted on approved Securities, and every description of Banking and Exchange business transacted.

Drafts, granted on London, and the chief Commercial places in Europe, India, Australia, America, China and Japan.

T. JACKSON,
Chief Manager.

Offices of the Corporation,
No. 1, Queen's Road East.
Hongkong, August 10, 1882.

ORIENTAL BANK CORPORATION.
(Incorporated by Royal Charter.)

PAID-UP CAPITAL.....£1,500,000.
LONDON BANKERS:
BANK OF ENGLAND.
UNION BANK OF LONDON.
BANK OF SCOTLAND, LONDON.

RATES OF INTEREST ALLOWED ON DEPOSITS.
At 3 months' notice 3 1/2 per cent.
" 6 " 4 1/2 " "
" 12 " 5 1/2 " "

Current Accounts kept on Terms which may be learnt on application.
Hongkong, June 1, 1882.

Notices of Firms.

NOTICE.
THE "GEE CHEONG" COMPANY.

NOTICE is hereby given, that D. JUAN QUINT BARRERA LIM JAP, CHOW LEE SENG, LUM GOK THOI, LUM HUM LUI, and CHU KONG TRANG, are PARTNERS in the "GEE CHEONG" COMPANY and Trading as MERCHANTS, at No. 60 BONHAI STRAND.

JOSE CHOU is the Chief Manager, and LOK SOW THEEN is Assistant Manager of the Company.

JOAQUIN BARRERA LIM JAP.
Hongkong, September 11, 1882.

Intimations.

HONGKONG AND WHAMPOA DOCK COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

CONTRIBUTING SHAREHOLDERS are requested to send in a STATEMENT of BUSINESS contributed during the Half-Year ended 30th June, 1882, on or before 30th September, on which date the Accounts will be Closed.

By Order of the Board of Directors,
R. COOKE,
Acting Secretary.

Hongkong, August 28, 1882.

PRIVATE BOARDING HOUSE.

Mrs. GRAHAM is proposed to reside Two or THREE BOARDERS—Houses, No. 13, Shelley Street (between Magpie Junction and Caine Road level).
Hongkong, September 9, 1882.

TAKASIMA COLLIERY.

The Undersigned has been appointed AGENT for the SALE of the above COALS at Hongkong, from and after this date.

H. J. H. TRIPP.

Mui Biki Mail S. N. Co.

Hongkong, April 26, 1882.

Intimations.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.
CANTON INSURANCE OFFICE (1881),
IN LIQUIDATION.

THE Liquidators having decided to Pay a Third DIVIDEND of \$500 per Share (on account of Capital and Reserve Fund), Shareholders are hereby notified that the said Sum will be paid on their handing their STOCK CERTIFICATES to the Undersigned for Endorsement.

(Signed) F. BULKELEY JOHNSON,
E. F. ALFORD,
Liquidators,
CANTON INSURANCE OFFICE, 1881.
Hongkong, September 18, 1882.

THE UNION INSURANCE SOCIETY
OF CANTON.

NOTICE is hereby given that an Extraordinary General MEETING of the UNION INSURANCE SOCIETY of CANTON will be held at the Society's Head Office, Hongkong, on TUESDAY, the 3rd day of Oct. 1882, at 4 o'clock in the Afternoon, when the abridged Resolution, which was passed at the Extraordinary General Meeting of the Society held on Monday, the 18th day of September, 1882, will be submitted for Confirmation as a Special Resolution.

RESOLUTION.

That this Society, now registered under the Company's Ordinance No. 1 of 1865 as an Unlimited Company, be registered under the Company's Ordinance 1865 to 1881 as a Company Limited by Shares.

By Order of the Board,
DOUGLAS JONES,
Acting Secretary.

Hongkong, dated the 18th day of September, 1882.

NOTICE.

INDO-CHINA STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY, LIMITED.

By Order of the Board of Directors, the Shareholders in the above Company are hereby notified that under Section 2 of the Articles of Association, a further Call of THIRTY SHILLINGS per Share has been made, and will be due on the 2nd OCTOBER.

Shareholders are therefore requested to make the said Payment at 3 1/2 per Dollar Exchange (\$7.00 per Share) to credit of the Company's Account with the HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION or of before the above-named date.

Any Calls not paid by the 2nd October, are by Section 23 of the Articles of Association liable to a Charge at the Rate of 10 per cent. per Annum from the due date until that of Payment.

JARDINE, MATHESON & CO., General Managers.

Hongkong, August 28, 1882.

INDO-CHINA STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY, LIMITED.

THE BOOKS for REGISTRATION of Transfer of SHARES in the above Company will be CLOSED here from the 21st Instant until 2nd Proximo, both days inclusive.

JARDINE, MATHESON & CO., General Managers.

Hongkong, September 5, 1882.

HONGKONG FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.

ARTICLES OF BORROW.

SHAREHOLDERS in the above Company are requested to furnish the Under-signed with a List of their Contributions from the 11th day of May, 1881, (when the system of Contributory Bonus recommended), to the 31st day of December, 1881, in Order that the DISTRIBUTION of the PORTION of PROFITS Reserved for Contributors may be arranged. Returns not rendered prior to November 30th next, will be adjusted by the Company, and no Claims or Alterations will be subsequently admitted.

(Signed) JARDINE, MATHESON & CO., General Managers.

Hongkong, September 14, 1882.

NOTICE.

WILLIAM DOLAN, SAIL-MAKER & SHIP-CHANDLER, 22, PRAYA CENTRAL.

COTTON DUCKS, HEMP CANVAS, MANILA ROPE, AMERICAN OAKUM, LIFE BUOYS, CORK JACKETS, &c., &c., &c.

Hongkong, May 1, 1882.

SAILOR'S HOME.

ANY Cash or Clothing, Books, or Papers will be cheerfully received at the Sailor's Home, West Point.

Hongkong, July 26, 1882.

NOTICE FOR HOME.

The Overland China Mail.

(The oldest Overland Paper in China.)

PUBLISHED AT THE "CHINA MAIL" OFFICE IN TIME FOR THE ENGLISH MAIL.

Containing from 72 to 84 columns of closely printed matter.

THIS Mail Summary is compiled from the Daily China Mail, is published twice a week on the morning of the English Mail's departure, and is a record of each fortnight's current history of events in China and Japan, contributed in original reports and collated from the journals published at the various ports in those Countries.

It contains Shipping news from Shanghai, Hongkong, Canton, &c., and a complete Commercial Summary.

Subscription, 50 cents per Copy (postage paid 52 cents) \$12 per annum (postage paid \$12.50.)

Orders should be sent to G. MURRAY BAIN, China Mail, Office, 2, Wyndham Street, not later than noon of the day the China Mail steamer leaves.

Terms of Advertising, same as in Daily China Mail.

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Mui Biki Mail S. N. Co.

Hongkong, April 26, 1882.

For Sale.

SPORTING GOODS.

LANE, CRAWFORD & CO.

HAVE RECEIVED THEIR NEW STOCK OF

ELLY'S GREEN, BLUE and BROWN CARTRIDGE CASES.

ELLY'S WATERPROOF CAPS and WADS.

PIEGO & WILKES SPORTING GUNPOWDER.

LEAD and CHILLED SHOT.

GAME BAGS and CARTRIDGE BELTS.

RECAPPING and RELOADING MACHINES.

POWDER and SHOT MEASURES.

FLASKS, DOG WHISTLES, &c., &c.

SHOOTING BOOTS, STOCKINGS, HATS and SUITS.

TINNED PROVISIONS and LIQUORS

provided for Shooting.

And

PICNIC PARTIES

at Special Rates.

Hongkong, August 22, 1882.

NOTICES TO CONSIGNEES.

FROM LONDON AND SINGAPORE.

THE Steamship "Glenalmond" having arrived from the above Ports, Consignees of Goods—with the exception of Opium—are being landed at their risk into the Godown of the Undersigned, whence and/or from the Wharves or Boats delivery may be obtained.

Optional cargo will be forwarded unless notice to the contrary is given before noon to-morrow, the 14th instant.

For Sale.

MacEWEN, FRICKEL & CO.
No. 53, Queen's Road East,
(OPPOSITE THE COMMISARIATE),
A. E. N. W. L. A. N. D. I. N. G. G.,
A. E. X. "AMERICAN MAIL," &c.

CALIFORNIA CRACKER COMPANY'S BISCUITS in 5 lb. tins, and loose.
Soda BISCUITS.
Assorted BISCUITS.

Cracked WHEAT.
OATMEAL.
CORNMEAL.

TOPCAN BUTTER
Eastern and California CHEESE.
Bonbons CODFISH.
Prime HAMS and BACON.
Eagle Brand Condensed MILK.
PEACH and APPLE BUTTER.
PICKLED OX-TONGUES.
Family PIG-PORK in kegs and pieces.
Paragon MACKEREL in 5 lb cans.
Beau Ideal SALMON in 5 lb cans.
Cutting Dessert FRUITS in 2 lb cans.
Assorted Game VEGETABLES.
POTTED SAUSAGE and Sausage MEAT.
Stuffed PEPPERS.
Assorted PICKLES.
MINGEAT.

HONEY.
Richardson & Robbin's Celebrated Potted MEATS.

Richardson & Robbin's Curried OYSTERS.
McCart's Sugar LEMONADE.

Clam CHOWDER.

Smoked SALMON.

Green TURTLE in 2 lb cans.

&c., &c., &c.

AGATE IRON WARE.
FAIRBANKS SCALES.

EX "STILLWATER"

DEVÖE'S NONPARIEL
BRILLIANT
KEROSENE OIL,
150° test.

SPARTAN COOKING
STOVES.
OAKUM.
TAR.

ENGLISH FIRE GRATES.
CUTLERY.
ELECTROPLATE.
CROCKERY & GLASS WARE.

A LARGE ASSORTMENT OF STORES,
including:
TESSONNEAU'S DESSERT FRUITS.
ALMONDS and RAISINS.
PICNIC TONGUES.
COCAOTINA.

VAN ILBUTEN'S COCOA.
LIEBH & ERT'S COCOA.
FRENCH PLUMS.
PATE DE FOIE GRAS.

MINCEMEAT.
SAUSAGES.
BRAWN.
ISIGNY BUTTER.

DANISH BUTTER.
BREAKFAST TONGUES.
ANCHOVIES.
ASPARAGUS.
SOUPS, &c.

WINES AND SPIRITS
CHAMPAGNES—
HIMBER'S MONOPOLE & WHITE
SEAL.
VERVE CLICQUOT PONSARDIN.
JULES MUMM & Co., pints & quarts.

CLARETS—
CHATEAU MARGAUX.
CHATEAU LA ROSE, pints & quarts.
CHATEAU LAFITE, " "
1828 GRAVES, " "
BREAKFAST CLARET, " "

SHERRIES & PORT—
SAGONE'S MANZANILLA & AMON-
TILLADO.
SAGONE'S OLD INVALID PORT
(1848).
HUNT'S PORT.

BRANDY, WHISKY, LIQUEURS, &c.—
1 and 2-star HENNESSY'S BRANDY.
BISQUIT DUBUCHE & Co.'S BRANDY.
FINE OLD BOURBON WHISKY.
KINAHAN'S LIQUOR.
ROYAL CLENDEE WHISKY.
E. & J. BURKE'S SCOTCH WHISKY.
ROSE'S LIME JUICE CORDIAL.
NOHLY PRAT & Co.'S VERMOUTH.
CHARTEUSE.
MARASCHINO.
CURACAO.
ANGOSTURA, BAKER'S and ORANGE
BITTERS.
&c., &c., &c.

BASS'S ALE, bottled by CAMERON and
SANDERS, pints and quarts.
GUINNESS'S STOUT, bottled by E. &
J. BURKE, pints and quarts.
DRAUGHT ALE and PORTER, by the
Gallon.
ALE and PORTER, in hogsheads.

SPECIALLY SELECTED
CIGARS.

Fine New Season's CUMSHAW TEA, in
5 catty Boxes.

BREAKFAST CONGOU @ 25 cents p. lb.

MILNER'S PATENT FIRE-PROOF
SAFES, and CASH BOXES, at
Manufacturer's Prices.

Hongkong, September 12, 1882.

Insurances.

**THE TOKIO MARINE INSURANCE
COMPANY, LIMITED.**

THE having been appointed Agents for the above Company, the Undersigned is prepared to accept MARINE RISKS at Current Rates and usual Discounts.

H. J. H. TRIPP,
Agent, M. B. M. S. S. Co.,
Hongkong, April 26, 1882. oc27

**THE CITY OF LONDON FIRE IN-
SURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.**

CAPITAL, £2,000,000. | PAID-UP, £200,000.

PAID-UP RESERVE FUND, £50,000.

**THE Undersigned having been appointed
AGENTS for the above Company are
prepared to ACCEPT RISKS against
FIRE at Current Rates.**

GEO. R. STEVENS & Co.

Hongkong, January 1, 1882.

**THE LONDON AND PROVINCIAL FIRE
INSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.**

Subscribed Capital—One Million Sterling.

THE Undersigned, having been appointed
AGENTS in Hongkong and Canton for the
above Company, are prepared to issue
Policies covering FIRE RISKS at Current
Rates.

ADAMSON, BELL & Co.,
Agents.

Hongkong, July 29, 1882. oc29

THE LONDON ASSURANCE.

INCORPORATED BY ROYAL CHARTER OF
His Majesty King George The First,

a. d. 1720.

THE Undersigned having been appointed
Agents for the above Corporation are
prepared to grant Insurances as follows:—

Marine Department.

Policies issued for long or short periods at
current rates.

Life Department.

Policies issued for sums not exceeding
£5,000 at reduced rates.

HOLLIDAY, WISE & Co.

Hongkong, July 25, 1872.

NOTICE.
QUEEN FIRE INSURANCE COM-
PANY.

THE Undersigned are prepared to accept
Risks on First Class Godowns at
1 per cent. net premium per annum.

NORTON & Co., Agents.

Hongkong, May 19, 1881.

**NORTH BRITISH & MERCANTILE
INSURANCE COMPANY.**

THE Undersigned, Agents of the above
Company, are authorized to Insure
against FIRE at Current Rates.

GILMAN & Co.

Hongkong, January 1, 1882.

**YANGTSZE INSURANCE
ASSOCIATION.**

CAPITAL (Fully Paid-up)—Tls. 420,000.00
PERMANENT RESERVE—Tls. 230,000.00
SPECIAL RESERVE FUND—Tls. 290,553.95

**TOTAL CAPITAL AND AC-
CUMULATIONS, 6th Tls. 940,553.95
April, 1882.**

Directors.
H. DE C. FORBES, Esq., Chairman.
J. H. PINCKNEY, Wm. MEYERINE, Esq.
A. J. M. INVERARAY, G. H. WHEELER, Esq.

HEAD OFFICE—SHANGHAI.
Messrs RUSSELL & Co., Secretaries.

LONDON BRANCH:
Messrs BARING BROTHERS & Co.,
Bankers.

RICHARD BLACKWELL, Esq., Agent,
68 and 69, Cornhill.

POLICIES granted on Marine Risks to all
parts of the World.

Subject to a charge of 12% for interest
on Shareholders' Capital, all the Profits
of the UNDERWRITING BUSINESS are
actually distributed among all Contributors
of Business (whether Shareholders or not)
in proportion to the Premium paid by them.

RUSSELL & Co., Agents.

Hongkong, May 8, 1882. oc82

Intimations.

THE CHINESE MAIL.

THIS paper is now issued every day.
The subscription is fixed at Four
Dollars per annum, delivered in Hong-
kong, or Seven Dollars Fifty Cents in
cluding postage to Coast ports.

It is the first Chinese newspaper ever
issued under purely native direction. The
chief support of the paper is of course
derived from the native community,
amongst whom also are to be found the
gentry and securities necessary to
place it on a business and legal footing.

The projectors, basing their estimate
upon the most reliable information from
the various Ports in China and Japan—
from Australia, California, Singapore, Po-
tugal, Siam, and other places frequented by
the Chinese, consider themselves justified
in guaranteeing a large and ever-increasing
circulation. The advantages offered to
advertisers are therefore unusually great,
and the foreign community generally will find
it to their interest to avail themselves of
them.

The field open to a paper of this description—
conducted by native efforts, but
progressive and anti-obscurant in tone—
is almost infinite. It is on the one hand
commands Chinese belief and interest,
while on the other it deserves every aid
that can be given to it by foreign
like English journals it contains Editorials,
Local, Shipping, and Commercial
News and Advertisements.

Subscription orders for the above may be
sent to:

GEO. MURRAY BAIN,
China Mail Office.

To-day's Advertisements.

FOR SAIGON.

The Steamship
"Paladin,"

Captain AUBIN, will be
despatched as above on

THURSDAY AFTERNOON, the 21st
Instant, at 4 o'clock, instead of for BANGKOK

as previously advertised.

For Freight or Passage, apply to

AH YON & Co.,

59, Praya Central.

Hongkong, September 19, 1882. sc21

FOR SINGAPORE, PORT DARWIN,
COOKTOWN, TOWNSVILLE,
BRISBANE, SYDNEY & MELBOURNE

(Taking Care of through rates for ADE-
LAIDE, all NEW ZEALAND and
TASMANIAN PORTS, NEW CALE-
DONIA and FILI.)

The Steamship
"Paladin,"

Captain PERIN, will be
despatched as above on

MONDAY, the 25th Instant, at 4 p.m.,

instead of as previously notified.

For Freight or Passage, apply to

GEO. R. STEVENS & Co.

Hongkong, September 19, 1882. sc25

FOR SINGAPORE, MAURITIUS, PORT
ELIZABETH AND CAPE TOWN.

The Steamship
"Alder Head,"

Captain COOPER, will be
despatched as above on

SATURDAY, the 30th Instant, at 3 p.m.

For Freight or Passage, apply to

DOUGLAS LAPRAIK & Co.

Hongkong, September 19, 1882. sc30

FOR SINGAPORE, MAURITIUS, PORT
ELIZABETH AND CAPE TOWN.

The Steamship
"Alder Head,"

Captain COOPER, will be
despatched as above on

SATURDAY, the 30th Instant, at 3 p.m.

For Freight or Passage, apply to

BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE,
Agents.

Hongkong, September 19, 1882. sc30

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

S. "MALLABAR," Captain DIXON,
FROM SAN FRANCISCO.

HONGKONG STEAMSHIP COMPANY.

FOR LONDON VIA SUEZ CANAL

The Co.'s Steamship
"Leviathan,"

Captain PURDY, will be
despatched on or about the

30th Instant.

For Freight or Passage, apply to

BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE,
Agents.

Hongkong, September 19, 1882. sc30

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defendant's cabin and found nothing but \$11 in money, and a key which opened the complainant's cabin and two others. The defendant's cabin was immediately opposite that of the complainant.

After the defendant had been cautioned he received his sentence, and the case was committed for trial at the Criminal Session of the Supreme Court.

(Before H. G. Throssell, Esq.)

ENTERING A HOUSE FOR AN UNLAWFUL PURPOSE.

Three months' imprisonment with hard labour was imposed on Leong Ayau, who was found in the house of Lai Kin, about four o'clock this morning. The defendant admitted that he was there for an unlawful purpose.

CREATING A DISTURBANCE.

Wang Man, jinrikisha coolie, was charged by Mr. William Goulbourne, clerk, with creating a disturbance in his house this morning.

The complainant stated that while at breakfast he heard his amah making a noise. His wife went downstairs to see what the cause of it was, and as the noise continued he went down himself. The defendant was there. Complainant tried to run the defendant out, but the latter tore the singlet of the former, doing damage to the extent of 50 cents. Complainant did not strike the defendant until his singlet was torn.

The complainant said while he was waiting outside the complainant's house with his jinrikisha, he heard the complainant's wife scolding his (defendant's) wife, who was complainant's maid. He went into the house, and the complainant struck him on the cheek.

The defendant was fined \$1 or four days imprisonment with hard labour, and ordered to find personal security in the sum of \$10 to be of good behaviour for one month. He was also ordered to pay complainant 50 cents amercia or go to prison for another two days.

THREE.

N. Chia Sing, who was charged with stealing \$6.10, and also with being concerned with another not in custody on suspicion of stealing \$63 belonging to Mr. William Laydon Gordon, Deputy Inspector General of the Royal Naval Hospital, was sentenced to six weeks' hard labour to-day; and Pun Cheung, house and chair cooler, who was also charged with being concerned in the theft of the \$63, was discharged.

ON SUSPICION.

Joseph Silver (44), of Macao, described as a steamship, was charged by Mr. George Fawcett, engineer, first, with stealing a gold ring, value \$22, and second, on suspicion of stealing two silver watches, one silver dollars, and a number of Siamese coins, total value \$37.

Inspector Fleming stated that the complainant reported on the 16th inst. that the above articles had been stolen from an open drawer in his bedroom. The Inspector applied for a warrant to enable him to make further enquiries.

The case was remanded until the 20th instant.

China.

SINGAPORE.

(N.C. D. News.)

A remarkable suggestion has been made to the Emperor for the prevention of floods. These scourges are of periodic recurrence in certain parts of China, and the relief of those who suffer by them entails a good deal of expense and trouble. As the power has it, prevention is better than cure; and the memorialist makes the very sensible suggestion that the root of the evil should be struck at. Now it is a well-known fact of natural philosophy that floods are caused by the water-dragon; and the simplest plan, thinks the writer, will be to kill the water-dragon outright, and then there will be no more floods. The animal lives only five feet underground; the place of his habitation is clearly marked by the colour of the surface, the sounds which proceed therefrom, and its lack of herbage; and the proposed step is recommended in the *Book of Rites*. "Would it not be better," argues the mandarin, with philosophic gravity and convincing logic, "to destroy the hidden evil instead of merely providing against the floods it causes?" It is satisfactory to notice that full permission is given by His Majesty to all officers in the afflicted districts to employ the traditional measures for exterminating the "blood-dragon."

A curiously Solomonic decision is reported as having been given by a Chinese mandarin the other day. A Chinese, who had been drinking in tea-houses, pulled out a dollar to pay the bill. This was immediately claimed by an Indian who was there too, and who accused the Chinaman of having stolen it from him. On the 'matter being referred' to the magistrate, a second claimant appeared in the form of a Japanese; but neither could make good his case. After profound deliberation, the magistrate came to the conclusion that there was not the slightest evidence to prove that the dollar belonged to either the Japanese or the Hindoo; he decided, therefore, that it should be divided equally between them, and the Chinaman discharged from custody!—Sancho Panza at Barataria never surpassed this.

Mr. R. W. Little, Agent for the Electric Light Company, has made a formal tender to the Municipal Council to undertake the entire illumination of the streets in the settlement by electricity. He offers to do it for the sum of Rs. 15,000 per annum, which is just a few tens over the expenditure incurred during 1881 for lighting the Settlement and the Bulbong Wait Road. The difference is not great; and we are glad to see that the Council are not only giving the proposal their full consideration, but have requested Mr. Little to erect ten lamps along the Bund meantime, in order that they may be able to form some judgment beforehand as to the advisability of extending the process all over the Settlement.

The *Settlement News* contains a most extraordinary piece of intelligence, which is said to have been circulated in an extra at Hsio-ko. The paper announces that a riot has taken place at Chefoo (4) in which British subjects were assaulted by a Chinese mob. "Sir Harry Parkes has requested our Minister for Foreign Affairs to send men-of-war to remove the British to Fusan. In order to test the accuracy of this report, we have made inquiries with the following results:—Our Tokio correspondent telegraphs that it is a fact that Englishmen were assaulted, and our correspondent at Shimonoseki sent a similar reply, adding that Sir Harry ordered the Chinese to proceed at once to Fusan." It is needless to add that no ground has ever existed for so remarkable a rumour.

(Mercury.)

We regret to hear of the resignation of Major Holliday as Commandant of the Volunteer Corps and also as Municipal

Councillor. We understand that Adjutant Morrison has also resigned. We suppose the energetic Major is disgusted at the apathy shown by the Volunteers. But we do not know that they have been worse than in previous years; the Volunteers are never in strong force in the hot weather or during therowing season. We suppose the Major has the record of the roll to guide him, and knows better than we do, but we still doubt if the attendance of efficient is much smaller than it used to be. We very much regret that the Volunteer force should lose so energetic an officer, who we really thought was doing the force much good.

NINGPO.

(Courier Correspondent.)

September 12th.

Peace and quietude once more reign and the settlement is no longer the scene of nocturnal religious festivals and theatricals, the deity for whose propitiation the recent demonstrations have been made having apparently at last become satisfied. Still, however, joss paper and incense are burned at times, in case, we presume, he might become fickle and suspicious as to the sincerity of his people.

No very momentous events have taken place, the only occurrence worthy of note being an accident which took place on Saturday evening last. A sampan man and his son, a youth of about 13 years of age, were sculling a boat to the shore, and when close to the landing, the rope fastening the yuloh broke, and the boy was pitched into the water, but did not come up again; most likely he was carried under some sampans, a strong tide was running at the time.

As the Chinese consider the loss of a son one of the greatest calamities that can befall them, the grief of the family know no bounds, and it was with the utmost difficulty the police prevented the parents from throwing themselves into the water; the mother had to be removed by main force.

A foreigner endeavoured to quiet the father, and in sympathizing with him, pointed out the folly of his trying to drown himself, but all to no purpose; the sampan man said "suppose my got plenty son, maa-ke, but my only got one piece." A native standing by also expressed his ideas as follows:—"What for he too muchie boyberry, he have got two pieces daughter?" The weather of late has been very unsettled and a good deal of rain has fallen.

Messrs Siemens & Co.'s str. *Chinkiang* arrived this morning, and we have in port the British barque *Aurora*, and the German steamer *John Carl*, the former from Amoy and the latter laden with coals; the S. S. *Peking* will be here to-morrow or next day.

TIENTIN.

We hear that the Dai In Kun is likely to be retained a prisoner for the present, or until everything has been re-established on a permanent and peaceful basis in Corea.

He will not be put upon trial as, being the father of the man he deposed, it would be contrary to all Chinese ideas of propriety to treat his offence so rigorously.

But at the same time he is a rebel; so that from a Chinese standpoint the dilemma complete, for rebellion is as the crime of sacrilege in the eye of the Chinese Government.

In fact, the idea of a father being the subject of his own son is contrary to precedent, although it exists at present in China itself; while rebellion of a father against his son involves such a contradiction in terms that there is no provision for it in Chinese political ethics.

—We also hear that one reason for the weather of late is the rapid withdrawal of Chinese forces from Corea was the excesses of the soldiers, whose behaviour is said to have been most unruly, and that the somewhat anomalous position now occupied by China is partly at any rate due to the overzeal of Ma Kien-chang, who seems to have acted without sufficient respect to the famous motto of Prince Talleyrand, with which being a French scholar, he is no doubt familiar. A correspondent writes to us on the situation to the following effect:—"The capture or kidnapping of the Dai In Kun is a most serious affair, and may now the seeds of great difficulty. As a precedent in Chinese policy, its value against China is inadmissible. It drives a coach-and-six, not through a tough chapter of International Law. The suzerainty of China over Corea is a two-edged sword and like all such weapons extremely dangerous. If it is involved in support of the capture of the Dai In Kun by China it will be found utterly futile to condone the act, and its reward will inflict great injury upon the Power that made such a use of it."

N. C. D. News.

(Mercury Correspondent.)

September 4th.

On the night of the 21st ult., the Chinese gundabat *Ting Yee Chau* arrived from Korea. On board of her was the Korean King's uncle as the Chinese call him, who is supposed to be the cause of all this trouble in Korea, and who was sent for the Emperor to pass sentence upon; he has been lodged at the Board of War and great care is taken that no one sees him. The Koreans have a different version. He is the Korean King's father; his name is Li Hsien-ying; he appears to be a man of about 60 years of age, with a gray beard but still enjoying health and strength; he says that Ma Kien-chang induced him to go down to see Wu Ching-chang, who succeeded in getting the Korean King's father to go on board and see Admiral Ting, and detained him here. Admiral Ting with Wu Ching-chang has gone back to Korea, after an interview with H. E. Li Hung-chang; it is said it is due to General Wu that so speedy a settlement of the Korean and Japanese affair has been come to.

at 2 p.m. and gave immediate orders for the troops on board the *Hawting* to leave and return to their camps; they quite enjoyed this order and while passing His Excellency's yacht gave him hearty cheers.

It is said that the Japanese Government had addressed themselves to H. E. Li Hung-chang and stated that they had to obtain to fight Korea or China but to be on a good understanding with them, and to have bloodshed the Japanese Government prefers to fight through H. E. Li for an amicable settlement; to these propositions H. E. Li agreed with the understanding that if Japan had lost his life, which at that time was not improbable or unlikely, a most serious complication might have been the result, and Mr. Holcombe would most probably have been severely blamed.

I feel sure one will rejoice more over Mr. Crossett's certified sanity than Mr. Holcombe, and it is to be hoped for the sake of the missionary himself that Mr. Holcombe's verdict may be proved utterly false.

It is quite out of place in this connection for a Hongkong newspaper to read us a

lecture on the inadvisability of merchant and missionary consuls.

One of the ablest and most notable men that have represented the United States in China was a missionary.

No one is better known or respected than Dr. Williams.

The logical sequence to the verdict given at Shanghai in regard to this case would be a suit

against Mr. Holcombe for unlawful apprehension, detention, and removal from his sphere of work at Chi-nan Fu of the missionary in question.

It is a pity some of those who saw him three years ago had not an opportunity of examining him and comparing notes.

It is evident that the passage out, and the ordeal through which he has

just passed has steadied his nerves and driven out his religious mania.

Should he preserve his mental balance, he will doubtless prove an efficient and self-denying servant of the Cross.—N. C. D. News.

CHICAGO.

(Mercury Correspondent.)

Chefoo, 12th Sept.

Notwithstanding the settlement of the Korean question, the Chinese still remain in Korea, as also the large gunboats *Yung-wei* and *Chao-wei*.

Admiral Ting returned yesterday from Tientsin in his flagship *Wei-wei*, and will leave to-day for Korea. Several Chinese gunboats have gone to and from Korea during the last week.

This morning a Japanese man-of-war arrived from Korea, and exchanged salutes with the Chinese flagship.

Admiral Kopitoff, commander-in-chief of the Russian squadron, arrived on the 6th instant in the *Duke of Edinburgh*, and will shortly leave in the gunboat *Nerpa* for Tientsin in route to Peking.

Men-of-war in port:—Russia, *Duke of Edinburgh*, *Phasian*, *Abrek*, and *Nerpa*; Germany, *Slosh*, *Elisabeth*, and *Wolf*; France, *Lutin*; America, *Monocacy*; British, *Monarch*; five Chinese, and one Japanese.

Yesterday, all the men-of-war "dressed ship" in honour of the Czar's name-day, and salutes were fired at noon.

The weather is excellent; temperature during the day 80°; during the night, 65°.

The English squadron is expected here within a week.

Races will not take place this autumn, but the Regatta will probably come off in a few weeks.

VLAIVADSTOK.

31st August.

Having only returned lately from a summer vacation spent up-country I am not quite up-to-date with the doings here since my last, and have no *Chroniques* or *Memoranda* or other news to record. The English, eleven vessels, stopped here a week or so.

Two German men-of-war, *Slosh* and *Elisabeth* have come, and a French frigate (name unknown) the latter not stopping one day here. The Admiral Kopitoff, who has relieved Admiral Almstrom on the 6th inst., arrived here in the *Duke of Edinburgh*, the 23rd inst., and left again on the 29th for Corea.

Vessels present in the harbour: men-of-war *Slosh*, *Gornostay*, *Tungus*, merchant, steamers *Vladivostok*, *Grand Duke Constantine* and *Tsaritsa Maria*, German barque *Uphoria*.

Weather wonderfully fine, cool and bright. Vladivostok is looking its best at present.—N. C. D. News.

PEKING.

Sept. 1st.

It is quite impossible to get any reliable information here about Corea, and the position of the country is in a state of uncertainty.

But beyond this nothing certain is known.

No one has any idea of the origin of the embroilment, or whom it is likely to end.

Foreigners here in the Shanghai papers for authentic information, and the Chinese to the native Shanghai papers. This trouble has got the original paper from the *Hoppe* of Canton instead of the *Hoppe* of Tientsin as read at the meeting of the N. C. Branch R. A. S. on the 29th ult. and reported in your *Contemporary* on the 5th inst.; it may turn out to be like the United States and Korea Treaty.

It is the *Hoppe* of Tientsin which is now read by all the Chinese.

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Trubner's Oriental Record contains the following notice of the *China Review*:—The present publication, judging by the number before us, is intended to occupy a position, as regards China and the neighbouring countries, somewhat similar to that which has been filled in India by the *Calcutta Review*. The great degree of attention that has been bestowed of late years upon the investigation of Chinese literature, antiquities, and social developments, to say nothing of linguistic studies, has led to the accumulation of important stores of information, rendering some such channel of publicity as is now provided extremely desirable; and contributions of much interest may fairly be looked for from the members of the foreign consular services, the Chinese Customs' corps, and the missionary body, among whom a high degree of Chinese scholarship is now assiduously cultivated, and who are severally represented in the first number of the *Review* by papers highly creditable to their respective authors.

Some translations from Chinese novels and plays are marked by both accuracy and freshness of style; and an account of the career of the Chinese poet-statesman of the eleventh century, Su Tung-p'o, by Mr. E. G. Brown, is not only historically valuable, but is also distinguished by its literary grace. Beside notices of new books relating to China and the East, which will be a useful feature of the *Review*, if carried out with punctuality and detail, we are glad to notice that "Notes" and "Querries" are destined to find a place in its pages also. It is to be hoped that this opening for contributions on Chinese subjects may evoke a similar degree of literary zeal to that which was displayed during the lifetime of its predecessor in the field, and that the *China Review* may receive the support necessary to insure its continuance.

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